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Atty. Dkt.: 1721-18 Mail Stop Patent Application Commissioner for Patents Date: August 22, 2003 P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Attached for filing is the patent application of: Inventor: VIVIER et al Entitled: POLYPEPTIDES ASSOCIATED WITH ACTIVATOR RECEPTORS AND THEIR BIOLOGICAL APPLICATIONS and including attachments as noted below: Newly executed Declaration, Copy of Declaration from prior application, Abstract pages of specification and claims (including pages numbered 36-41 with claims 1-30 and pages numbered 36-40 46 with claims 1-25 (MODIFID PAGE), and 26 sheets of accompanying drawing/s. X Priority is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based on the following foreign applications: Day/Month/Year Filed **Application Number** Country 30 April 1997 97/05411 France 98/00927 France 28 January 1998 April 30, 1998 PCT/FR98/00883 , respectively, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.. \boxtimes Certified copy(ies) of the priority documents have been received in this National State application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)). See, attached Notification of Acceptance dated 3 February 2000. This application is a __ continuation/_ continuation-in-part of Application No. 09/403,980, filed January \boxtimes 19, 2000, which is a 371 U.S. national phase of PCT/FR98/00883, filed April 30, 1998, which designated the U.S., the entire contents of each of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application. Petition filed in prior application to extend its life to insure co-pendency. The prior application is assigned to INSTITUT NATIONAL DE LA SANTE ET DE LA RECHERCHE MEDICALE (INSERM), Paris Cedex 13, France. It is hereby requested that the Examiner consider the art cited in the parent application by applicant and/or the Ø Examiner for the reasons stated therein. A listing of that art is attached. \boxtimes Please enter the attached and/or below preliminary amendment prior to calculation of filing fee: Also attached:

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Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence \boxtimes Submission; Other: Information Disclosure Statement; PTO-1449 Form; Preliminary Amendment; Copy of marked-up pages (figures w/annotations filed 10/29/99); Copy of Declaration filed 1/19/00: Copy of Declaration filed 3/20/00; Request to the Chief Draftsperson; Request re Sequence Listing; Copy of Sequence Listing from parent application SN 09/403,980; Copy of Certificate of Translation from parent application SN 09/403,980 FILING FEE IS BASED ON CLAIMS AS FILED LESS ANY HEREWITH CANCELED 750.00 Basic Filing Fee \$ - 20 (at least 20) = \$ Total effective claims 25 5 x \$ 18.00 90.00 Independent claims 2 - 3 (at least 3) ≈ 0 x\$ 84.00 \$ 0.00 If any proper multiple dependent claims now added for first time, add \$280.00 (ignore improper) 0.00 SUBTOTAL \$ 840.00 0.00)If "small entity," then enter half (1/2) of subtotal and subtract **SECOND SUBTOTAL** \$ 840.00 Assignment Recording Fee (\$40.00) 0.00 **TOTAL FEE ENCLOSED \$** 840.00

Any future submission requiring an extension of time is hereby stated to include a petition for such time extension.

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REQUEST TO THE CHIEF DRAFTSPERSON

Authorization is requested to amend Figure 16 to add the material underlined by handwritten text in the attached new Figure 16. No new matter has been added by this amendment for the reasons noted in the attached Preliminary Amendment. These amendments were accepted in the parent application Serial No. 09/403,980 and authorization to amend the figure in the present application is requested.

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